

LA Wetland Education Coalition

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1. BTNEP's La Fete d'Ecologie

Come join the Now in its 8th year, "La Fete d'Ecologie" a one day event dedicated to educating children and adults alike about the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary. This annual event celebrates the unique culture of the area, and features local artists, traditional craft demonstrations, and a wide variety children's activities. The event also features an ecological scavenger hunt, booths and displays from various environmental and business organizations dedicated to the protection, preservation and restoration of the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary.

La Fete d'Ecologie is Saturday, September 25, 2004 at Peltier Park in Thibodaux, LA. Opening ceremonies begin at 10:00 a.m. and the festivities end at 5:00 p.m. Special events include a cast net throwing contest, Ducks Unlimited Green Wing Day, and the ever popular tou-lou-lou races. Exhibitors include the Baton Rouge Zoo and the Audubon Nature Center. For a complete listing of exhibits, entertainment and sponsors, please visit <http://lafete.btnep.org>.

2. Three Great Educational Resources on the Gulf of Mexico's Dead Zone

Interested in teaching about the Gulf of Mexico's Dead Zone? Visit **Louisiana Sea Grant's Marine Education Resources** website and download a set of five great data-based activities, "**On Again, Off Again – The Dead Zone**," and view a great group of resources (PowerPoint presentations, dead zone websites and background information, data information, etc.). Visit <http://lamer.lsu.edu/classroom/deadzone/>.

Another great resource is **EnviroTacklebox's video, "Hypoxia, the O2 Blues,"** which explores the effects of excessive nutrients on the overall health of the plant and animal communities in aquatic ecosystems. For information on this resource, visit <http://www.envirotacklebox.org/modules/m5hypoxia.htm>.

A new resources that will be made available by the end of next week is **LUMCON's "Recipe for Hypoxia,"** which is a 10-page color PDF file describing the phenomenon of hypoxia, or low dissolved oxygen levels in water, that occurs seasonally on the continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico. The document includes classroom activities and references for more information. You will be able to access the document at <http://www.lumcon.edu/education> under "Teacher Resources".

3. Fall STEPS (Students and Teachers as Educational Partners)

Join LUMCON educators and consortium scientists to get down and dirty learning science in the marsh, bay and labs at LUMCON. Estuarine processes and habitats with emphasis placed on priority problems of the BTNEP estuary, especially wetland loss and changes in living resources. For additional information and to download the application form, go to <http://www.lumcon.edu/education/K-12/default.asp?page=teachwrkshp.html>

Workshop Dates: October 11-13, 2004; Application Deadline: Oct. 3, 2004

4. Texas Instruments Provides 3 Calculator Based Labs for the JASON Expedition: Disappearing Wetlands

Texas Instruments is a partner of the JASON Project and they have now posted on their website, <http://education.ti.com>, three calculator-based labs to accompany each of the three units of this year's JASON Project: Disappearing Wetlands. To access the labs, you must sign up (it's free). Once you are signed up, click on Activities, then Activity Exchange, and enter JASON into the Search Engine. There are labs titled: Nutria and the Disappearing Marsh, Mixing Soil and Water – Let's Settle This?, and Sediment Deposition – Let the River Run.

If you are interested in teacher training workshops on these materials, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program is providing two three-hour professional development workshops in the upcoming weeks. Check the BTNEP website at <http://jason.btnep.org> for additional information!

5. EstuaryLIVE Celebrates Online Fieldtrip, September 21-25

Celebrate National Estuaries Day with EstuaryLive, an interactive field trip of estuaries over the Internet. September 21-22 special fieldtrips to the Rachel Carson Reserve in Beaufort, North Carolina will be covering special topics that support the science curriculum. September 23-24 will feature live internet field trips to seven different estuaries around the United States. <http://www.estuaries.gov/neday.html>

6. Terraserve – satellite photos of any place in the US...

If you haven't tried this, use following to get an overhead view of your house or any other address. Go to <http://teraserver.microsoft.com/>.

1. Select the link "Advanced Find"
2. Select the link "Address"
3. Key in your address and select "go"
4. In the "available image" column select "Urban Areas"

What you'll see is a satellite photo of your house. In fact, key in any address and you can view it, enlarge it, zoom it and pan it.

7. Marshmission scheduled to be on CBS Sunday Morning

CC Lockwood will be featured on CBS Sunday Morning along with Marshmission teacher Sue Lockwood and Marshmission Artist Rhea Gary. The National TV story is about the public awareness project the three have put together. It will air Sunday, September 12th between 8 and 9:30 am CDT (barring any last

minute changes). We're keeping our fingers crossed. Check <http://www.marshmission.com> Saturday afternoon for any last minute updates or changes in schedule.

The CBS crew filmed the Lockwood's working and living on a houseboat in the marsh. They also filmed Rhea Gary painting in Bay Wallace and one of the schools that is following the Marshmission.com web site. Tune in Sunday.

8. LAWEC-L LISTSERVE INFORMATION

- **Description of this listserve:** A listserve serving educators interested in LA wetlands.
- **To send a message of your own to the listserv:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and type your message into the body of the email. The message will be distributed to ALL PARTICIPANTS subscribing to the listserve.
- **To UNSUBSCRIBE from this listserve:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and enclose the following single line in the body of the email
unsubscribe LAWEC-L

Please do not reply to the entire list unless you want everyone to read your message!

